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Dewan's reply.—The Darbar will be glad to adopt for Mysore with needful modifications the new Act when it is passed in British India.

Subject No. 39.
Coffee Stealing.

Summary of discussion.—Mr. Brett stated that the powers in the hands of the Police under the Act for prevention of Coffee stealing were ample, if systematically carried out, to prevent Coffee stealing, and suggested that strict orders should be given to the Police to carry out the provisions of this Act and to keep a special watch on those petty shop-keepers and owners of small plots of Coffee land who were the chief receivers of stolen coffee.

Dewan's reply.—The Dewan will place himself in communication with the Deputy Commissioners of Kadur and Hassan on this subject and cause the necessary instructions to be issued.

Subject No. 40.
Deterioration of roads in Coffee tracts.

Summary of discussion.—Mr. Brett said "the roads are not now in that excellent condition as at the time of the Rendition. They are fast deteriorating. The staff for supervision seems much too small. Expenditure must be more concentrated and greater care taken that money is not frittered away on works of doubtful utility."

The Dewan observed that no road had been specified by Mr. Brett, but the question evidently referred to the maintenance of District Local Fund roads generally and not to those which were classed as Provincial Fund Works and called upon the Chief Engineer for any remarks he might desire to offer.

The Chief Engineer Colonel Bowen thereupon spoke to the following effect:—

The roads referred to by Mr. Brett were probably District Fund roads, which were only earthen ones and not metalled. They were never intended to be anything more than fair weather roads. Considering these circumstances Colonel Bowen was not prepared to admit that they were not in a very fair condition. Ten years ago they had just been opened and naturally enough they were then in the best condition possible, having had no wear and tear of any traffic upon them. But traffic had in recent years assumed enormous proportions and was now much heavier than this class of roads was ever intended to carry. For the traffic that there is on these roads it was denied that there was any deterioration. The roads in question had to be maintained by the various Local Fund bodies who could not afford to spend much upon them. It was for the Local Fund Boards to consider what local road should be metalled and to allot funds for the same. The Chief Engineer

would adduce the Vastara-Aldur road as an example. Ten years ago there was no traffic on this road. Now the traffic was very heavy and the road had become exceptionally important and as the Local Fund Board has no funds for metalling and improving it, the Government took over the work as a Provincial charge. It had been necessary to do the same in the case of other roads rising into importance ; but there must of course be a limit to what the Government can thus do by way of relief to the Local Funds. Colonel Bowen then added, that, apart from the question of funds, there were other difficulties. There was indeed some difficulty in supervision, but this would be sufficiently met by appointing a special subordinate officer exclusively for roads. But there would still remain the difficulty of finding contractors and labor for work on these Malnad roads. Coffee Planters themselves took up the contracts in some cases and failed to do the needful from want of labor.

Dewan's reply.—In reply, the Dewan observed that the Government had recently relieved Local Fund Boards of the charge of the more important roads on which there was heavy traffic or which could at all be regarded as main lines of communication ; the question now raised regarding the bad condition of the roads in question would be remitted to the Local Fund Board for consideration and needful action ; unmetalled roads could only be gradually metalled as Local Funds became available and the road mileage to be maintained in the Malnad of Mysore, was enormous compared with what exists in other Provinces, but the Boards would be required to do their best.

Subject No. 41.
Game Law.

Summary of discussion.—It is understood that an Act for the preservation of Game of every description is now under the consideration of Government. Protection is anxiously looked for and very urgently required.

Dewan's reply.—The Darbar is glad to hear the Planters take so favorable a view of the proposed legislation. A draft regulation has been drawn up and circulated to gentlemen competent to advise on the subject. Valuable opinions have thus been obtained and are under consideration. The measure will soon be ripe for submission to the Government of India.

Subject No. 42.
D. P. W. Projects.

The following works of public utility proposed by Representatives from the Kadur District were noted for consideration in the Public Works Department :—

(*a*). A road 6 or 7 miles long from Jakkanhalli Police Station to connect the Aldur Road, for which more than